

Senate bill would regulate what's grown in back yard gardens

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Do you grow heirloom tomatoes you sell on your own property or at a local farmer's market? If so, you will be in for a whopper of a surprise if Senator Durbin's Senate Bill 510 (S.B. 510) passes: you may be receiving a visit from inspectors.

Products not grown according to designated standards will be considered adulterated and your business records will be subject to warrantless searches by inspectors from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), all this without any evidence that you have violated any law.

Wonder why the National Guard or Federal agents have effectively imposed martial law by quarantining your town? Under S.B. 510's House counterpart bill, H.R. 2749 (Section 133b, "Authority to Prohibit or Restrict the Movement of Food"), sponsored by Congressman Dingell, the Secretary of Health and Human Services will have the power to prohibit all movement of all food within a geographic area, whether the food is in your grandmother's grocery bag in her Toyota Hybrid or on a flatbed. No court order will be needed, just a phone call to the appropriate state official and a public announcement will be sufficient.

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